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As a house burglar Bill Hickey had a repuout and desperate thief and he was only years old when Byrnes gave him a rating "Professional Criminals of America." Sace Byrnes's time. Manhattan thiefsatchers have had plenty of experience with Bill Hickey and they never went after is without having a gun handy.

The majority of house sneaks are little

besver then a rat. Few in the business off pull a gun even when cornered, and the dightest noise will send them scurrying for the open. Bill Hickey was of a different sort. He went after plunder in the night with a mask on his face and ready to east or stab if he was caught or interrupted. Se always carried a gun and a long knife, and with both he was quick as a flash. It was Pat McCuire's luck yesterday morning that Hickey didn't get him. The crook had his pistol out and was shooting before McGuire had much more than hailed him.

Detectives who know Hickey's record my he was a nephew on his mother's side ex-Senator and Tammany Leader George Washington Plunkitt, author of "Honest Graft," and "The Confessions of a Boot-black"; and that he was related on his father's side to ex-United States Senator Edward Murphy of Troy. The former leader of the Fifteenth denied this yesterday afterwho had a drinking acquaintance with Bill Hickey referred to him as a connection of

thieving when he was 16 years old. Jim Boyle, then a patrolman in the West Thirtyseventh street station house, remembers sinching Hickey at Ninth avenue and Twenty-seventh street for a second story job, and Hickey went heeled, even as a kid.

Hickey got himself enrolled in the crooks' hall of fame by a job he did thirteen years ago. On the night of August 25, 1893, with a couple of pals, Fat Gross and Henry Hawk, he entered Mrs. Valentine G. Hall's house at 21 East Twenty-fourth streets Gross and Hawk watched while Bill Hickey ransacked the house, cooly and systematically as was his custom, but one of his pals made a noise which awakened Mrs. Hall. She saw Hickey standing at the foot of her bed with a gun in his hand.

Hickey turned a dark lantern on her and saw her move. He walked to the side of the bed, put the muzzle of his gun to Mrs. Hall's head and told her he would kill her unless she gave him her jewelry. He compelled her to give him a pair of amond earrings which she was wearing a diamond and sapphire ring, a diamond brooch and a watch and chain which she had under her pillow He threatened to shoot her if she moved or made a sound. The sleuths caught Hickey just two months later and for that job he got ten years in Sing Sing. Recorder Smyth sent December 8, 1898, after Hickey had pleaded guilty. In the old rogues' gallery his number was 2,137 and in the new Bertillon collection of thieves' portraits But Hickey's number was 3,701. Within the past year or two the police hadn't been able to nab Hickey with the goods ca, but they kept a pretty close watch a him and he was known by most of the plain clothes men of the West Side and by the Cantral Office sleuths. He had been living for some time in a flat house at 516

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Hickey yesterday morning. He was
around McCabe's saloon a few days ago,
and he found out in some way that it was
the saloon keeper's habit to dump the day's
recipts into his trousers pockets at locking
up time, and keep the money there until the
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whime, and keep the money there until the sloop opened in the morning. McCabe's place is at the northeast corner of Ninth strause and Thirty-ninth street. McCabe and his family live over the saloon and the noal of the extension of the saloon is almost on a level with the windows of McCabe's bedroom. Pat McGuire's bedroom windows look out on the extension roof also, his house adjoining McCabe's place.

A little before 3 o'clock vesterday morning Bill Hickey and a pal who got away when Hickey and a pal who got away when Hickey and a pal who got away when Hickey hack door. Hickey took off his shoes and hat and gave them to his pal. Then he opened the door either with a skeleton key or a pair of nippers and went ha leaving his partner on watch.

He robbed McCabe's sleeping room without making noise enough to waken a cat. McCabe and his wife were in the room and their two children were in an adjoining noom, but Hickey in his stocking feet cleaned up the place and they never heard a sound. He took McCabe's trousers which were slung across a chair back and McCabe's waistcoat which lay on the chair Than he rummaged a few bureau drawers and, finding nothing of value, went out through a window opening on the one story extension. In McCabe's trousers was \$35 in cash and his gold watch and chain were in a pocket of the waistcoat.

Why Bill Hickey left by the window lated of retreating down the stairs is a pumber to crook catchers. Maybe he forgot he was taking a chance by venturing on a complaining tin roof.

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Next door the big truckman was in a sound sleep, but when Hickey's unshod fest struck a patch of loose tin which set up a fatting and cracking, McGuire woke up instantly and felt for his gun. His wife slutched him by the arm.

"Its nothing but a cat on the roof, Pat," the said.

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"Lie still. Annie," said big Pat, "there was never a cat made a roof groan like that. Maybe it's the damned thief that

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as eye open, hoping the prowler would return for more.

He slipped up to the window, but his small son Johnny, ready to screech from excitement, got to it shead of him and bobbed his head out, looking for the man that got his father's pants and money. Johnny spotted Bill Hickey crouching on the tin roof, backed up against McCabe's window.

There he is, pa, "Johnny yelled, his thin roles going out in a screech that roused the neighbors before the shooting started.

Come out of that," big Pat called out.

What are you doing there? Answer me evillet you have it!"

McGuire threw his gun up to shoot, but he want the summer of the summer of the same of the want to the same of the same of

McGuire's head and it went so near the bed and not a foot from McGuire's head and it went so near the bed and not a foot from Mrs.

pinnip; in the yard and could have finished him there.

"But I knew he was done for," said flig flat, "and I deby't want to kill even a thief in my own yard."

Hickey's pal had scampered with the first claim, taking flickey's shows and hat. The police are looking for him and have as bies that they can lard him.

The burglar got into Thirty-quirth street and headed for his home, at 516. He half walked, half crawled, until he got to a door, way at 517 West Thirty-ninth street. Then he dropped, done for, and died within a few minutes.

Policemen Lynch and Foley of the West Thirty-seventh street station house heard the shots and they ran for McCafer's place. They met McGaire place. They met McGaire place. They met McGaire him his hand. They searched, but they couldn't find Hickey. Lynch and Foley ran around to the station house and told Sergt. Flannery, who sent out the reserved. They found Hickey lead in the hallway.

At that time none of the cops knew the importance of the dead crook. They took the nody to the station house and inid it out in the back room. The whole neighborhood was up and out in the streets, and hundreds of people had a look at the body. It is more than likely that some of them knew Bill Hickey, but few of the people of Heil's Kitchen are going to volunteer information to the police if they can get out of it.

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The precinct police sent word to Headquarters and Detectives Rear, Relly and Flannelly went up to the house to have a look at the body. It didn't take more than two looks for them to recognize Bill Bickey. They identified him positively and rather gladly. On the inside of the right forearm there were tattooed a heart, cross and anchor, Bill Hickey's mark, and if that wasn't sure anough, there was a big letter "H" in India ink, on the inside of the left forearm.

The police arrested McGuire on a technical charge of homicide, but Magistrate Cornell discharged him later in the morning. McCabe got back his clothes and his money, but the gold watch and chain disappeared. What became of them is a mystery. Hickey hadn't time to drop them to his pal, and it is likely he wouldn't have thrown the watch without getting rid of the money too. The police searched the ground he crawled over, but didn't get a trace of the watch and chain.

Hickey was 33 years old and single. He was 5 feet 3½ inches tall and weighed 142 pounds. He had black hair and dark complexion and his front teeth were filled with gold. He had a slight impediment in his speech.

COULDN'T EVICT THE HERRINGS. Clothing Trade Demoralized by the Enter-

prise of a Too Energetic Woman. When Annie Edelman asked to sublet the small addition to Jacob Weiner's clothing store at 63 Hester street the soul of Jacob was glad, for he had wondered what to do with that addition. Being only about seven feet wide, it was of no use for anything not salable from a pushcart, and no pushcart man ever thought of paying rent. But Annie Edelman graduated from the pushcart class, grew ambitious, started an egg and butter store, and sublet from Jacob

"Such a clean business, too," said Weiner. "My clothes they make to smell fresh of country butter." So through the winter Jacob and Annie abode in peace, and the twin business houses prospered exceed-

Then, one warm spring day toward the close of last month, Mrs. Edelman took a flier in herrings. Jacob entered his store next morning

Jacob entered his store next morning and sniffed.

"It don't smell kosher," he said.
Weinstock entered shortly after to buy a \$4.99 suit of genuine black serge that had been \$6.42. Weinstock took a sniff about the shop and went down to buy at Monheimer's, in spite of Weiner's frantic gestures. Weiner sat on a stool by his door and scanned the horizon until he saw Morris Hoch approaching. Hope rose in Jacob's bosom, because Hoch has catarrh. And soon he had warped Morris into a genuine camel's hair plaid, \$6.89, worth every cent of \$11, and nearly as good as new.

Morris was back on Monday morning.

"Take it back for \$6," he said. "By gracious, I wore it to the Sons of Benjamin ball, and they told me I smelled like a tripha fish store. I loses my girl, and she has \$595 coming mit her."

The heart of Jacob was crushed, and he bought back the suit for \$6. Every day he went in to remonstrate with Annie, and every day Annie dismissed him with the final statement:

"Herrings is a nice, healthy smell any-

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way."
Last week Jacob had Annie in the Fourth District Municipal Court.
"I makes her move—her or dose herrings," said Jacob to the Magistrate. Annie demanded a jury and got it. And yesterday her lawyers, Greenthal & Greenthal, proved to the satisfaction of the jury, first, that she had a year's verbal lease on the place and, second, that herrings keep the moths out of clothes.

clothes.
"Vat could I do? She vas a vomans,"
said Jacob, waiting with his keys for sunset to end the Sabbath yesterday. BUSY JERSEY TROLLEY CARS.

Total Distance They Cover Daily Said to Be Over 100,000 Miles.

interesting statement showing the emarkable growth of the trolley car riding habit is being prepared by the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey, which operates and controls most of the street car lines in that State north of Trenton. This statement will be issued this week to the stockholders and will show that since the be-

holders and will show that since the beginning of the year the lines operated by the company north of Trenton have carried 79,000,000 passengers, an increase of fully 10,000,000 over the same period last year.

The gross receipts of the company during the same months were about \$400,000 over the corresponding months in 1905. This is an average of four cents for each passenger, which is found to be the actual income with transfers considered, and it makes the total income \$3,160,000 for four months, as compared with \$2,760,000 of the first four months of last year.

The statistician who compiled the figures estimates that the total mileage of the company is more than 100,000 miles daily, or 40,000,000 car miles traversed in a year. The number of miles covered daily is aboutequal to a trip four times around the earth.

CONSUMPTIVES IN PERIL.

Cool Nurse Puts Out a Blaze in the Kingston Avenue Home.

Miss Hopkins, a nurse in the Home for Consumptives in Kingston avenue and Douglass street, Brooklyn, discovered a fire about 7 o'clock yesterday morning in a clothes closet on the third floor. Quickly reclosing the closet she sent one of the employees out to give the alarm and then, procuring a couple of buckets of water, tackled the blaze and put it out before the arrival of the firemon.

There was no panic among the eighty odd inmates of the institution and most of them were unaware of the incident until

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Mounted Policeman Charles G. Orr on his way to the hospital was thrown from his horse and so severely bruised by the animal that he had to be taken to St. Mary's

Gas Injunction Case Goes Over. The argument over the preliminary injunction asked for by the Consolidated Gas Company to restrain the enforcement of the 80 cent gas law was adjourned yesterday by Judge Lacombe of the United States Court to May 17. Banold. Constable

LYONS SUMMER SILES, WOOL AND COTTON DRESS PARRICS, HOSIERY FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN STEAMER RUGS, TRAVELLING ACCESSORIES, BEDDIE LACE CURTAINS AND MATTINGS FOR SUMMER HOME

LYGNS SUMMER SILES, A variet collection of the PLAIN FABRICS AND NOVELTIES. I tankionable weaves and etyles for summer use, including many washable Silks, Pongoes, Habutais, Calcium-lumineux, Marquisettes, Crope de Chines, Black India Silks and Chiffon Taffetas, also Mousseline Taffetas.

WHITE SILKS AND SATING FOR WEDDING GOWNS. NOVELTIES FOR BRIDEMAIDS' DRESSES.

STEAMER RUGS,

Recent importations include Noveltic TRAVELLING ACCESSORIES. I in Ruge for eteamer use. Fine Scotch Vicuna and English Wool Rugs in clan plaids and fancy effects Travelling Bags and Suit Cases, with and without fittings. Jowe and Collar Boxes, Card Cases, Bill Books, Coin Purses, Clocks, Flacks

SUMMER BEDDING, | Fine English Summer Biankets in-SHEETS AND PILLOW CASES. | cluding extra long for Brase Beds, Hand Embroidered Linen Bed Spreads, Pillow and Bolster Cases. Linen Sheets for double and twin Beds, plain hemstitched and with scalloped and drawn work enis. Infants' Pillow Cases. Light weight English Bed Spreads in old-fashioned effects for Country Homes.

WHITE DRESS FABRICS | An attractive display of most appropriate cotton materials, including French Organ-GRADUATING DRESSES.) dies, India Muil, Chiffon Muil, Batistes, Persian Lawns, Renaissance Muil, India Linon, French Nainsocks; also in wool fabrics, Cashmeres, Serges, Panamas, Mohaire and Voiles.

MONDAY, MAY 14TH.

3,000 Yards Chantilly Drapery Nets, 45 inches handsome patterns, black, white and cream.

Regular prices \$2.25 to \$7.50 yard, 1.25 to 4.50 yard \

300 Imported Steamer Rugs, all wool Tartan and fancy plaids,
with plain backs in suitable colors. Value \$8.50,

Dress Suit Cases, made of good grade sole leather,

5.00 " 24 inch size, steel frame, Bed Spreads, light weight, for Summer use, 1.40, 1.95, 2.75 "

Summer Blankets, Single bed size, Double bed size,

Pillow Cases, to match,

4.50, 5.50, 7.25 pair 6.25, 8.00, 10.50 "

Summer Comfortables, lamb's-wool filled, plain silk borders, 5.50 each

Hemstitched Linen Sheets, Single bed size, Double bed size,

6.75 " 1.75, 2.00, 2.50 "

Summer Silks---Special Values WHITE JAPANESE HABUTAIS, 65c, 75c, 1.00 yard WASH SILKS, fast colors, stripes and checks, 1.00. 1.25 " NATURAL PONGEES, fine grades, WHITE LYONS PONGEE, superior quality, 2.25 "

65c, 75c, 1.00 " BLACK INDIA SILKS, shower-proof, BLACK CHIFFON TAFFETAS, plain and figured, TWILLED FOULARD SILKS, shower-proof, polka dots,

Women's Waists

BLACK BATISTE WAISTS, finely tucked, long and short sleeves, SHEER WHITE LAWN WAISTS, Embroidery & Lace trimmed, 3.75, 4.00 WHITE CHINA SILK WAISTS, Lace trimmed, high and low neck. LINEN SHIRT WAISTS, for Riding and Tennis,

Broadway & 1918 Street

STUDYING THE SPIER TANGLE.

BELIEF THAT KEECH, LOEW & CO. WILL SUE HIS ESTATE.

Firm Give Notice That They Will Waive None of Their Claims to the Bonds That Spier Got From Them on a False Pretext on the Friday Before His Death.

No litigation has been begun yet over the affairs of Charles L. Spier, who is believed to have committed suicide in his home on last Monday morning on Staten Island cause he feared exposure would come on that day of the fact that he had hypothecated \$150,000 worth of securities belonging to H. H. Rogers, his employer, with the stock brokerage house of Keech, Loew & Co. That house has given notice that it waives none of its claims to the bonds that Spier obtained from them on the Friday before he was shot on a pretext that he wanted to change them for new ones, to be issued by the Central Trust Company.

Spier did change the bonds, but took the new bonds to Mr. Rogers, leaving Keech, Loew & Co. in the lurch. Saturday was a short day in the Street and the firm members were not apprehensive when Spier did not return the bonds. They had his receipt and also they placed full confidence

The attorneys for the firm are Nicoll, Annabel & Lindsay. None of the members of this firm would talk about the case yesterday, but it is probable that Keech, Losw & Co. will bring suit against the estate to recoup themselves for their losses, which they say, owing to the rise in stocks

which they say, owing to the rise in stocks in which Spier traded, will not be more than \$57.500 at the maximum.

Spier's estate consists, so far as is known, chiefly of his life insurance, amounting to \$102,500, \$27,500 of which is in the name of his wife and \$75,000 in the name of Alfred Lauterbach, as trustee. It is known that there will be a sharp contest to get possession of the latter money. Mrs. Spier's relatives had a consultation on Friday and it was decided to employ counsel to protect her interests.

At the family conference on Friday it was found that Spier had left a will, a copy of which Mrs. Spier has. He left all his estate of whatever description to his wife. Where the will is the family does not know yet, but it is presumed to have been in the safe in his office, which was opened the day after the funeral to learn the condition of Spier's affairs.

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Additional rumors were current yesterday of severe losses in the stock market by several of Spier's friends on Staten Island. One man was said to have lost so much that he is described as Spier's "mortal enemy." Spier told his friends to buy Amalgamated Copper at 115. He said that from his inside knowledge, owing to his confidential relations with H. H. Rogers, he was sure it was going to 140. He and his

friends caded up with it and it dropped to 96. Spier had also bought at a lower price and it was reported yesterday that the stocks which Keech, Loew & Co. were carrying for him had so risen since that time that by yesterday he would have stood to win \$143,000 instead of losing \$220,000, which is supposed to have been the extent to which he was involved.

It is reported also that Keech, Loew & Co. have more securities that Spier gave them and that they intend to hold them, leaving the ownership to be decided, if necessary, by litigation. None of the members of the firm or their attorneys will talk about the report, but it is said that the statement of Keech, Loew & Co. to the effect that they will lose only \$57,500 at the most, when their claim to the Central Trust Company was for \$140,000, signifies that they have other securities which, with the rise in the market, reduces their loss considerably.

MIXUP IN THE SEA FOG.

The Rhein Bumps Into the Eveline and

Imperils Attendant Boats. Three steamships, a revenue cutter, an immigration boat and a tug were in a general mixup in the bay yesterday morning before the fog had lifted. The Rhein, in from Bremen, ran into the Eveline, a tramp steamer, which had come from the West Indies, and while the tugboat Timmins was trying to get out of the way she butted into the revenue cutter Calumet and the boat Immigrant, which were alongside the Eveline, and the Mallory liner Alamo had a narrow escape. There wasn't much damage to any of the vessels, but the Rhein had about 2,300 steerage passengers, and there was a scare among them.

ville. The Immigrant was on her starboard side, as was the Timmins, and the Calumet side, ss was the Timmins, and the Calumet was on the port side.

The Rhein, making her way to her dock in Hoboken, came out of the fog and before her course could be changed struck the Eveline on the port quarter and almost caused her to turn turtle. The captain of the Timmins called to the Immigrant to go ahead full speed and started his own engines. The Immigrant appeared not to move and the Timmins got caught between her and the Eveline, carrying away a part of the Immigrant's rail. The cutter and the tug had hard work getting out of the way of the Rhein, and the Calumet, on the other side of the Eveline, was almost swamped. To make matters worse she came near being run down by the Alamo, which was following the Rhein.

The Eveline was anchored off Tompkins-

More Pay for Freight Handlers. Boston, May 12.-The freight handlers of the Boston and Maine Railroad employed at the Boston freight sheds and wharves have received an increase in wages which brings the day's pay to \$2. The Boston and Albany men are receiving \$1.85 a day. It is understood that they have met with a refusal of their request for a raise, and a strike may follow.



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60-62 West 23d Street.

TRIP TO IRELAND SPOILED. peller Chased Into Cop's Arms Has a Record in Many Cities. Michael Cunningham of 800 Mott street

was to have sailed for Ireland yesterday morning on the Cunard liner Lucania. He didn't. He appeared instead in the Jefferson Market police court before Magstrate Whitman as complainant against Patrick O'Brien, alias Twinkler O'Brien, alias Morris Glat, alias Harry Glock and sundry other names. Cunningham charged O'Brien with attempting to steal \$300 from

his pooket. O'Brien waived examination and was held in \$2,500 ball for trial.

Cunningham has been a driver for himself and for others at 300 Mott street many years. By working in all weathers he scraped together more than \$300. Last week he engaged passage on the Lucania. He was going to Ireland to see the old folke.

He was going to ireland to see the old folks.

He boarded a northbound Broadway car yesterday to go to the Cunard pier. His roll of \$300 was in his right trousers pocket. When the car neared Fourth street Cunningham felt a hand in the pocket. He seized its owner, who, he says, was O'Brien. A moment later his grasp was broken and O'Brien ran.

An exciting chase enlivened Broadway for a few minutes. It terminated when O'Brien ran into the arms of Defectives Reich and Seichler of the Mercer street police station.

police station.

The detectives took their man to Head-quarters for identification. Inspector McLaughlin said that the prisoner was wanted in almost every important city in the country, and that every one kept a good likeness of O'Brien among their archives.

Cunningham said in court after his man had been held.

"I suppose it's mine for the trucking again. He's spoiled the trip for keeps. I won't go now until that man O'Brien is held for good."

Remedelling Grand Central Palace. C. A. Reid, architect of the New York Central Company, has filed plans for remodel-ling the Grand Central Palace, at Lexingon avenue and Forty-third street, into a temporary passenger station, to be known as the East Terminal. The lower part of the building is to be made over into waiting rooms, ticket offices, restaurant and a postal station for railway mails. A mezanine-floor is to be installed and a concourse built for passengers and vehicles. The improvements are to cost \$100,000.

END OF RUNAWAY MATCH. Blackwell's Island Hospital Official Gives Bond to Support Wife.

Edward J. Kelly, the deputy superintendent of the Metropolitan Hospital on Blackwell's Island, was in the Yorkville police court yesterday on a charge of abandonment made by his wife, Sadie. Mrs. Kelly said that she eloped with and married her husband three years ago, and that he deserted her a year ago. She now lives at 1117 Second avenue and has had much trouble in obtaining support from her husband. She has had him arrested several times, but each time has withdrawn the complaint on his promise to give her money.

He was looked up for a short time six weeks ago, but his wife accepted his promweeks ago, but his wife accepted his promise to give her some money and he was discharged. She reported to Magiatrate Baker that he had failed to keep his promise, and a warrant was issued for him.

"Where's that \$1 you owe me for carrying a message the last time you were locked up?" Hughes, the prison messenger, demanded of the husband in court.

"Go away. I never saw you before," responded Kelly.

The argument was cut short by the Magistrate announcing that he would hold Kelly in bonds to pay his wife \$6 a week. He obtained a bondsman.

MRS. DU MONT SET FREE. says She Took Corresive Sublimate in Mis take for Sodlum Bromide.

Mrs. Ivon du Mont, who swallowed two tablets of corrosive sublimate on April 17 at the Hotel Belleclaire, and who has been in Roosevelt Hospital ever since, charged with attempted suicide, was discharged from the hospital yesterday and went at once to the West Side court. She was ac-

once to the West Side court. She was accompanied by James Shewan, Jr., son of the president of a rydock company at the foot of East Fourth street.

When the bottle from which she had taken the poison tablets was handed to Magistrate Cornell by a policeman, Mrs. du Mont said: "I took the poison, but I thought I was taking sodium bromide. I hadn't the slightwhen she was discharged Mrs. du Mont declined to make any further statement. Mrs. du Mont's husband is a lumber dealer. He is in business in New Orleans and has an action at 250 Broadway, this city.

TELEPHONE ENTRENCHED. Doubtful if a Rival Company Can Get Leave

to Enter This City. Comptroller Metz said yesterday that he would vote to give the Atlantic Telephone Company the franchise it had asked for if the company would abide by its promise to furnish a private telephone service for \$12

a year. "That proposal," Mr. Metz said, "would he very advantageous to the residents of this city. A similar service now costs \$60. I understand that the Atlantic company, if the recommendations of the Bureau of Franchises should be adopted, could not afford, however, to give a \$12 service if it has to pay the city over \$3,000,000 the first twenty-five years, besides giving to the city graded percentages upon its receipts. I consider the \$12 proposal the better one.

The city under that agreement would secure vastly greater benefits for the public." The promise made by Martin W. Littleton, speaking for the Atlantic company; was that the company would provide a \$12 a year service and would charge no more than 2 cents a message from pay stations in each borough, if the city would give it such facilities as the New York Telepohne Company has. These the city is not in a position to give.

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It cannot give the new company a perpetual franchise, such as the New York Telephone Company practically has, nor can it give the right of entry to the electric wire ducts, which have been leased to the Empire Subway Company, controlled by the New York Telephone Company. Further, it is laid down in the charter as a general principle that no franchises shall be granted without adequate compensation. Mr. Littleton made it clear that his company could make the \$12 rate and the two cent rate only on condition that it would not have to pay the compensation fixed by the Bureau of Franchises.

The outlook for the Atlantic Telephone Company was not regarded as bright at the City Hall yesterday. A franchise can be awarded only by a three-fourths vote of the Board of Estimate. This means twelve out of sixteen votes. The Mayor, who has three votes, will not vote when the franchise comes before the board, because he must pass on it as Mayor, in which capacity he has a veto. It is doubtful if the company can get 12 of the 13 remaining votes. It is understood that President McGowan of the Board of Aldermen, who has three votes, is opposed to a duplicate telphone system. position to give.